

Collaborative Technology Alliance (CTA)

Advanced Sensors

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Consortium Partners

- BAE Systems
- Northrup Grumman
- DRS Infrared
- Quantum Magnetics
- General Dynamics Robotic Sys Tech
- U. New Mexico
- Clark-Atlanta
- MIT
- U. Maryland
- Georgia Tech
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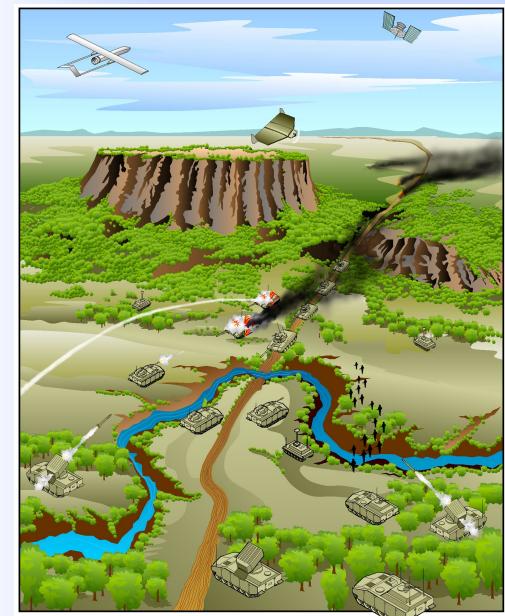
Objectives

Technologies that increase sensor performance and utility, and techniques to combine many types of data to provide timely and meaningful information to the soldier.

- Affordable sensors that provide:
 - Continuous situation awareness
 - Rapid, precise detection and ID of camouflaged targets
 - Environmental sensing for navigation and self-defense

Technical Areas

- Microsensors
- Electro-Optics Smart Sensors
- Advanced RF





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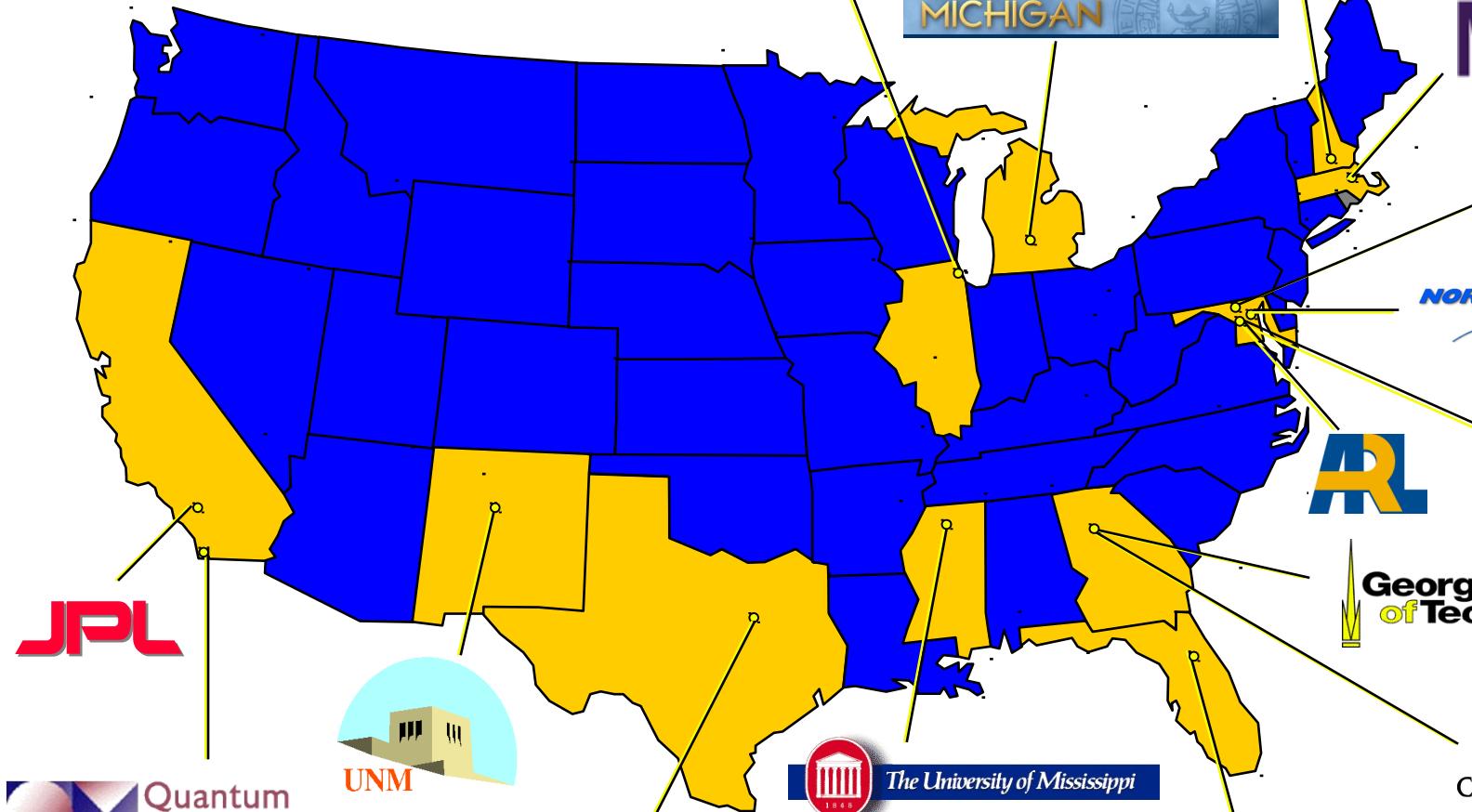


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BAE Systems: Mark Falco**

EO Smart Sensors

**ARL: Arnie Goldberg
BAE Systems: Parvez Uppal**

Advanced RF Concepts

**ARL: Ed Viveiros
BAE Systems: Norm Byer**

**Sensors &
Sensor
Improvements**

**High Operating
Temperature
FPAs**

Systems Study

**Multi-Sensor
Fusion
Algorithms**

**Innovative
Components
for Ladar**

**Electronically-
Scanned
Antennas**

**Low-power
Signal
Processing**

**Hyperspectral
Imaging
Components**

**Receivers and
Waveform
Generators**

**Sensor System
Architectures**

**ATR and Image
Fusion**

**Devices and
Materials**



Advanced Sensors Technical Area 1: Microsensors

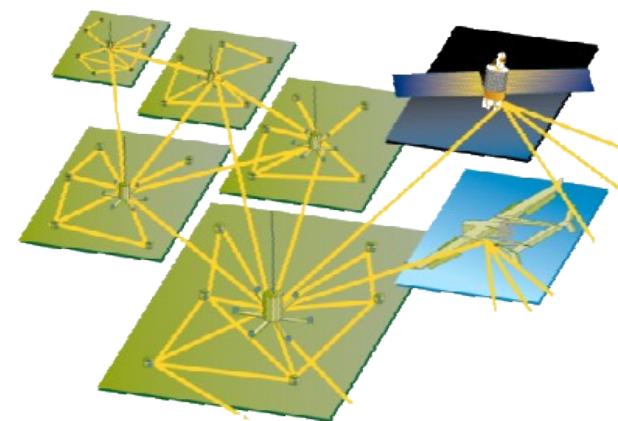
Objective: Provide enabling technologies for networked sensors capable of autonomous detection, ID, and tracking of multiple targets while minimizing cost, power, and communications bandwidth.

Challenges:

- Decreasing sensor cost while maintaining performance
- Very low power signal processing for long operating lifetime
- Reduced communications bandwidth
- Fusing of multiple and diverse sensor data
- Automated sensor deployment
- Autonomous network configuration & management

Research Tasks:

- Sensors & Sensor Improvement
- Multi-Sensor Fusion Algorithms
- Low Power Signal
- Active Wind Noise Cancellation
- Self-calibrating sensors
- Self-organizing sensor networks



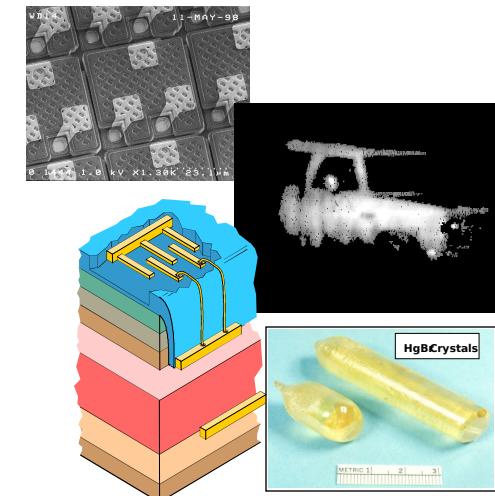


Advanced Sensors Technical Area 2: Electro-Optic Smart Sensors

Objective: Provide enabling technologies for a high-performance multifunction imaging sensor capable of improved target detection and ID for obscured, camouflaged, and low-observable targets.

Challenges:

- Higher operating temperature infrared FPAs
- FM/cw lidar at eyesafe wavelengths
- Integrated passive infrared and active lidar detectors on a single focal plane array
- Acousto-optic hyperspectral imaging at infrared wavelengths



Research Tasks:

- Improved HgCdTe and III-V MBE material for infrared detectors
- InAs/(GaIn)Sb materials and structures for eyesafe lidar sources & detectors
- Crystal growth of high efficiency infrared acousto-optic materials
- Algorithms for ATR, signal processing, and image fusion



Advanced Sensors Technical Area 3: Advanced RF Concepts



Objective: Provide enabling subsystem, component and systems studies for low cost multifunction Ka-band RF systems that provide FCS with longer range all-weather operation for radar, communication, IF and EW/SIGINT functions.

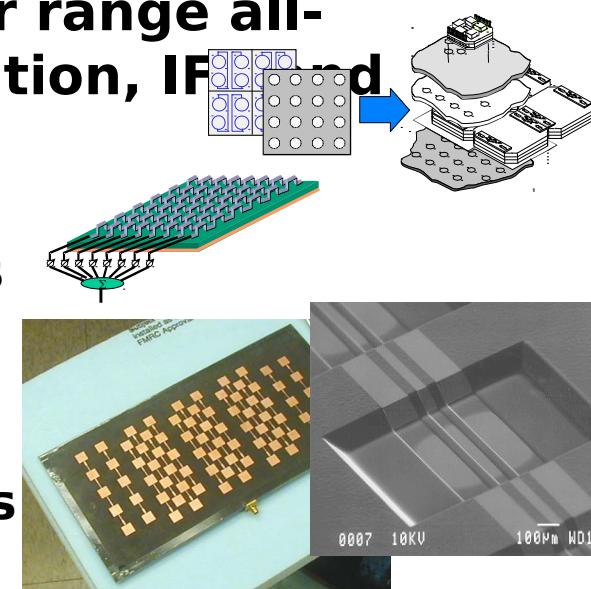
Challenges:

- Affordable Electronically Scanned Antennas (ESAs)
- Reliable low-cost hermetic packaging for reliable MEMS devices
- Efficient, high dynamic range power devices for transmit/receive modules
- Integration of diverse semiconductor materials

Research Tasks:

- Low-cost lightweight VITL ESA
- MEMS K_a-band phase control module
- Multifunction RF waveforms
- MMW propagation in foliage
- MHEMT modeling
- InP HBT technology

- Heterogeneous integration of waveform generator
- MMW bistatic scattering phenomenology
- MMW GaN materials development
- AlGaN HEMT MMW research
- MEMS TTD elements & device reliability





FY01 ASCTA Tasks: EO Smart Sensors

| <i>Topic #</i> | <i>Research Topic</i> | <i>Principal Investigator</i> |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| EO-01-01 | Component Development for Active/Passive Imagers | Parvez Uppal (BAE SYSTEMS), John Little (ARL), Barry Stann (ARL) |
| EO-01-02 | InAs/(GaIn)Sb superlattice photodetectors for the MWIR and LWIR | Parvez Uppal (BAE SYSTEMS), Richard Tober (ARL) |
| EO-01-03 | Materials Development for HgCdTe Higher Operating Temperature (HOT) Detectors | S. Sivananthan (University of Illinois at Chicago) |
| EO-01-04 | Fabrication of Large Format Higher Operating Temperature (HOT) HgCdTe Detector Arrays | Hung-Dah Shih (DRS Infrared Technologies) |
| EO-01-05 | Novel Approaches to Extending the Operating Wavelength of LADAR Sources | Luke Lester, Kevin Malloy, Julian Cheng and Marek Osinski (UNM) |
| EO-01-06 | Materials development for staggered lineup detectors | Kevin Malloy, Sanjay Krishna, Ralph Dawson (UNM) |
| EO-01-07 | 2-5 ? m Mid-Infrared laser Development | Kamjou Mansour (JPL) |
| EO-01-08 | MTI Functionality for Dual Color IR Sequences | Qinfen Zheng (University of Maryland) |
| EO-01-09 | Advanced Target Recognition using Sensor Fusion Algorithms | Bruce Shachter (Northrop Grumman) |
| EO-01-10 | Critical Component Development for Multi-Spectral Imaging | N.B. Singh (Northrop Grumman) |

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FY02 ASCTA Tasks: EO Smart Sensors



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| EO-02-01 | Component Development for Active/Passive Imagers | Parvez Uppal (BAE SYSTEMS), John Little (ARL), Barry Stann (ARL) |
| EO-02-02a | InAs/(GaIn)Sb superlattice photodetectors for the MWIR and LWIR | Parvez Uppal (BAE SYSTEMS), Richard Tober (ARL) |
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| EO-02-10 | VCSELs for Data Links | Julian Cheng (UNM) Marek Osinski (UNM), and Kevin Malloy (UNM) |
| EO-02-11 | Cryogenic VCSELs For Optical Read- Out Focal Plane Arrays (FPA) | Aris Christou (UMD) |
| EO-02-12 | Multi-Disciplinary Clean Room Protocol Study & Evaluation | Kamal Sarabandi (University of Michigan) |



Accomplishments: EO Smart Sensors

- **Component Development for Passive/Active Imagers.** The development of large format InGaAs/InAlAs/InP arrays has moved forward with the resolution of issues involving dry etching, device isolation etching , and RIE equipment. Hybridization is in progress.
- **Materials Development for InAs/(Ga,In)Sb Superlattice Photodetectors..** Dry and wet etching techniques for GaInSb/InAs were developed and 8 x 8 arrays have been fabricated.
- **Materials Development for HgCdTe HOT Detectors.** University of Illinois has completed a study on As-doped samples to determine the influence of annealing conditions on transport properties. Research on the ex-situ gold doping of HgCdTe was started at DRS
- **MTI Functionality for Dual Color IR Sequences.** University of Maryland has received sample dual color IR images collected over 72 hours at 1 hour internal from ARL and have begun signature analysis on the data. Further analysis and ATR algorithm development will be performed in the next reporting quarter.

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FY01 ASCTA Tasks: RF Concepts

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|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| RF-01-01 | Low Cost, Lightweight VITL ESA | John Apostolos (BAE Systems) |
| RF-01-02 | Integrated Phase Control Module for Ka-Band ESA | Norm Powell (Northrop Grumman) |
| RF-01-03 | Heterogeneous Integration of Receiver and Digital Waveform Generator Circuits | Dr. John Przybysz (Northrup Grumman) |
| RF-01-04 | Multifunction Radar Waveform Design | Jim Kurtz (University of Florida) |
| RF-01-05 | MEMS Devices | Gabriel Rebeiz (UMich) |
| RF-01-06 | MEMS Device Reliability and Packaging | Linda Katehi (UMich) |
| RF-01-07 | Novel Electronic Beam-Scanning Antennas | Kamal Sarabandi (UMich) |
| RF-01-08 | MMW Wave Propagation in Foliage | Kamal Sarabandi (Univ Michigan) |
| RF-01-09 | MMW Bistatic Scattering Phenomenology | Fawwaz T. Ulaby (UMich) |

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| RF-02-10 | MMW GaN Material/Device Development | Ken Chu (BAE SYSTEMS) |
| RF-02-11 | Electrical / Physical Modeling of MHEMT Power Devices | Fawwaz Ulaby (University of Michigan) and Doug Dugas(BAE SYSTEMS) |
| RF-02-12 | InP-Based HBT Technology with On-Wafer Cooling | Saeed Mohammadi (University of Michigan) |
| RF-02-13 | AlGaN HEMT Research for Millimeter Wave Applications | Fawwaz Ulaby (University of Michigan); Lester Eastman (Cornell University) |

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Accomplishments: RF Concepts

- **VITL ESA.** An unfolded line was investigated as a steering approach and found to be superior to the folded meanderline approach. In tests at 400 MHz the unfolded line exhibited lower loss, better control of delay, and easier manufacture. Varactor diodes have been selected for a 6 GHz, 4 element test system that will be fabricated in the next quarter.
- **InP.** Identified the low-temperature InP to Si bonding technology suitable for cooled InP technology. Identified an all passive Si-based micro-cooling technology suitable for cooled InP technology
- **Bistatic Radar.** Demonstrated experimentally the potential application of the bistatic radar to the detection of rocket-shaped objects positioned slightly above ground.
- **Multifunction RF Waveforms.** Polyphase pulse compression coding, Costas FM, and complementary phase coding - have been selected as multifunction RF candidate waveforms. Computer simulation and analysis has begun on the candidate waveforms, and a set of performance metrics is being generated for comparison purposes.
- **MEMS.** The University of Michigan has developed the technology for low-temperature series switches using parylene, a polymer material. Northrop Grumman also has begun work on a new base material, liquid crystal polymer (LCT) which promises lower production costs. LCT has excellent RF properties (low loss and dielectric constant), is impermeable to moisture, and is readily available for use in gases and liquids, and is readily available

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FY01 ASCTA Tasks: Microsensors

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|----------------|---|---|
| MS-01-01 | Non-Linear Spatial Processing and Signal Estimation Algorithms | M. Falco(BAE) |
| MS-01-02a | Data Collection | S. Blatt (BAE SYSTEMS) |
| MS-01-02b | Microsensors Data Collection and Data Fusion | Bruce Schachter(Northrop Grumman) |
| MS-01-03 | Multimodal Sensor Fusion | Dr. Paul Neiswander (Northrop Grumman) |
| MS-01-04 | Sensor Management Metrics for Optimization of Unattended Ground Sensor Networks | Dr. Lance Kaplan (CAU) |
| MS-01-05 | Precision Emplacement of Unattended Ground Sensors | Mr. Kevin Bonner (GDRS) |
| MS-01-06 | Sensor Network Performance Evaluation | Loren Clare, Jay Gao (JPL) |
| MS-01-07 | Investigation of Wind Noise Mechanisms and Reduction | Richard Raspet, Henry E. Bass (University of Mississippi) |
| MS-01-08 | Detection Using Acoustic/Imaging Microsensors and Low Power Computing | R. Chellappa, S. Bhattacharya, K.J.R. Liu, S. Shamma (University of Maryland) |
| MS-01-09 | Adaptive Spatial Processing for Random Thinned Arrays | J. H. McClellan (Georgia Tech) |
| MS-01-10 | Magnetic Sensors for Detection of Military Targets | Yacine Dalichaouch (Quantum Magnetics) |
| MS-01-11 | Design an RF Microsensor | Jim Kurtz, (University of Florida) |



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| MS-02-07a | Investigation of Wind Noise Mechanisms and Reduction (supplement) | Richard Raspel, Henry E. Bass (University of Mississippi) |
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| MS-02-11 | Design an RF Microsensor | Jim Kurtz (University of Florida) |
| MS-02-12 | Low Power Distributed Signal Processing for Microsensors | Anatha Chandrakasan (MIT) |
| MS-02-13 | Self Calibration | Randy Moses (The Ohio State University) |
| MS-02-14 | Field Experiments | Steve Blatt (BAE SYSTEMS) |
| MS-02-15 | Detection and Tracking of Humans/Vehicles using Distributed Imagers | Rama Chellappa and Qinfen Zheng (University of Maryland) |
| MS-02-16 | Data Fusion for Unattended Ground Sensor Networks | Dr. Lance Kaplan (CAU) |



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Accomplishments: Microsensors

- **Random Thinned Array Processing.** Performance analysis of various subspace beamformers in the presence of sensor position errors was completed. Three types of RTA beamforming have been compared: conventional, deconvolution and minimax. Recent results on the comparison of conventional and deconvolutional beamforming for two-dimensional planar arrays were presented at Asilomar in November 2001
- **RF Microsensor Design.** Improvements have been made to UWB pulsers and sampling detectors. A breadboard UWB transmitter/receiver system has been constructed and tested. Microwave RF tripwire sensors now being built by the Army will also be tested, modified and used on CTA measurement programs.
- **Acoustic and Image Microsensor Fusion.** A novel algorithm for detecting and tracking independently moving objects from a video using the MCMC approach was completed. This approach can handle non-Gaussian, non-linear tracking problems in a unified framework and can be used for fusing inertial information, identity, color and shape of the object being tracked. The fusion algorithm uses the inertial sensor information prior to the MCMC algorithm for tracking and structure estimation. Results show that significantly fewer samples are required in the MCMC algorithm when inertial information is used.



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Other Accomplishments

- **Papers:** 5
- **Task Orders:** 4
 - Long-baseline Gradiometer Investigation (Quantum Magnetics)
 - Modular Acoustics & Imaging Sensor (BAE SYSTEMS)
 - Field Programmable Gate Array Signal Processor (Pyramid Technology)
 - Millimeter-Wave MHEMT MMIC Development (BAE SYSTEMS)
 - First Annual Collaborative Technology Alliance (CTA) Conference 2002/2003 CTA Symposium (TMC Design Corp)
- **Workshops:** 4
 - Microsensors (2)
 - RF Concepts (2)



Other Accomplishments, con't

- **Clark Atlanta University**
 - Developed techniques to prune the search for an optimal subset of sensors from an UGS network for target localization when using the stationary localization method.
- **University of New Mexico**
 - Optimized the growth conditions of the InAs/GaInSb strain layer superlattices and provided material to BAE SYSTEMS for device fabrication.
 - Obtained room temperature lasing for optically pumped 2.8-micron lasers.
 - Material optimization for new material GaInAsN for Long Wavelength (>1.3 micron)VCSELs.
- **Staff Rotations:**
 - 4 current (Jesse Pollock, Parvez Uppal, Mark Falco and Su How Lim)
 - 2 in process